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Enclosed are copies of 3 German patents, with English abstracts, 2 Japanese patent abstracts, 1 French patent, 1 PCT International application and 2 United States patents. Also enclosed is a copy of the Search Report of the German Patent and Trademark Office dated March

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25, 2005, and a Search Report of the European Patent Office dated October 18, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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